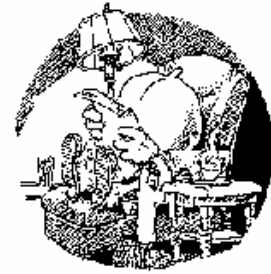




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Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

PARKING ALERT! PARKING ALERT!

Diamond Parking has asked Dan (the parking attendant that works after 4 P.M.) to start issuing parking tickets to ALL cars that haven't paid for parking. He will be issuing warning/no fine tickets for the next two weeks (through May 31st), and after that he must issue fines. ALSO, he will be ticketing the double-parked cars at our spots. He doesn't want to, but there have been complaints and he doesn't want to lose his job. Growers' wants to make Dan's life easier, not harder -- so let's ride our bikes, carpool with our friends, and take up fewer parking spaces. And let's pay for the spaces we do use (that aren't already ours).

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next two Growers meetings (board meetings) will be on Tuesday, May 29th at 7 pm, and Tuesday, June 12th, at 7 pm. If we are not at the round table upstairs in the Growers Market Building, look for us downstairs in the co-op, or elsewhere in the building. The next co-op coordinators' meeting is set for Monday, June 4th at 6:30 pm, at 1283 W. 4th.

LOCAL PRODUCE

Growers is starting to get produce deliveries from two local farms, though most of our fruits and vegetables come from Organically Grown Company (OGC). During a recent week, some thirty percent of the co-op's produce was local. Under prodding from Joanna, our produce buyer, OGC has agreed to make an effort to send local produce our way. For years, organic food eaters in Eugene have complained about OGC's arrangement with its counterpart in California which allows organic farmers around here to increase their sales, but also causes more food to be trucked to and from California. But at least OGC's truck uses biodiesel. --Milton Takei

SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW ITEMS

One way to improve Growers finances would be for the co-op to sell items that we currently do not have available. I've put up some sheets of paper on the front door that people can use to suggest products that they would like to buy at Growers that they currently buy elsewhere because we do not carry them.

AN INVITATION FROM JAN TO A SUBURBAN RENEWAL

Hi. This Saturday 11 to 3, at 212 Benjamin, near the intersection of river road and horn lane will be a wonderful opportunity to learn the basics about suburban renewal and permaculture this is turning a nothing special property into a permaculture shangri la. The property has been under repair for 6 years and there is a lot to look at and learn from front and back grass to garden, concrete removal of the driveway, 3500 gal rain water catchment system, passive solar retrofit, extend the growing season- several examples, food hedge- recent expansion of the trellis- great use of a fence line, chickens, passive solar bungalow- very catchy

design, low maintenance water features and more. there are 5 kinds of brambles, blueberries, English walnut where there was a driveway, 2 peach, 2 fig, 5 apple, 3 pear, olive trees, grapes, new kiwi. also at 2 30 slide show of other sites and over view of culture change, relocalization and civic cohesion. how does property conversion fit into culture change. cost \$0- \$20, rspv appreciated but not essential, spencerj@efn.org 686 6761 please bring a simple snack to share. images of the place and directions at www.suburbanpermaculture.org feel free to invite others and forward the message, thanks, jan

WOOL FOR SALE TO BENEFIT GROWERS

We have just sheared our two sheep. If anyone is interested in having the wool, I can bring it to you here at the market and would ask that you make a \$10 donation to the elevator fund, in exchange. Jane 688-6607

FOR RENT: Artist Studio - Loft, bath, kitchenette, deck. high speed internet, garden setting. N.S., No Pets, \$575./ month. 1st, last, 1 month security, utilities deposits. 683-0626.

BREAST MILK REQUESTED

We are the adoptive parents of a baby boy named Daniel, born in late December, 2006. If you are a mom who is currently pumping and has extra frozen milk in your freezer, or can pump a few extra ounces every week that you would consider donating to us for Daniel, it would be very appreciated. Please call Steve or Sharon @ 689-7579. We do have some screening questions that we will ask you to answer.

RECYCLE FOAM PEANUTS

A local distributor of health products, Lita Lee, will take foam peanuts to reuse for packing her orders. She's down on Mahalo Drive in south Eugene, close to Fox Hollow School...she's listed in the phone book for drop off times. First Alternative co-op, Corvallis, will take all other styrofoam...they are specific in asking for courtesy in not dropping peanuts off...Speaking of courtesy, let's put up a sign on the dock RE-indicating it is not a drop site for clothes/shoes/whatever...gm does not have the storage...some folks do not read every gazette. - Sharon

GROWERS E-MAIL LIST

If you are interested in Growers happenings related to either the co-op or the upstairs offices, you might wish to subscribe to the Growers e-mail list. You can use the following internet address to subscribe:

<http://www.lists.opn.org/mailman/listinfo/org.opn.lists.growers>

Send submissions to garbanzo@lists.opn.org. You can also put articles in the garbanzo box at growers. Newsletter copy deadline is 5:00 pm Wednesday. Market hours are Tuesdays 5-7pm; Thursdays 2:30 to 7:30 pm and Fridays 3:00 to 6:30 pm. An orientation to Growers is held each Thursday at 1:30. The Growers email list includes an electronic banzo, events notices, and other misc. info. growers@lists.opn.org Growers Market: 687-1145